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In the claims:

All of the claims presented for examination are reproduced below. Claim 3 is amended in this response.

1. (previously presented) An Internet Portal, comprising:

an Internet-connected server; and

a portal software executing on the server, including a summary software agent;

wherein the Portal maintains a list of Internet destinations at secure servers maintaining personal, proprietary financial accounts for each one or more of a plurality of subscribing users, and the summary software agent automatically logs in to the secure servers on behalf of, and transparent to the subscribing users, according to data stored for the subscribing users at the Portal, retrieves financial information proprietary to each one of the subscribing users, stores the retrieved financial information at the portal, according to pre-programmed criteria, and summarizes the retrieved information for delivery to the subscribing users.

2. (original) The Portal of claim 1 further comprising a configuration and intitiation interface enabling the subscribers to set up and start a summary search.

3. (currently amended) The Portal of claim 1 wherein the summary searches are configured for individual clients as templates stored and retrieved at the Internet-connected server.

4. (original) The Portal of claim 1 wherein information retrieved in a summary search is stored to be retrieved by the subscriber.

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5. (original) The Portal of claim 1 wherein information retrieved in a summary search is downloaded immediately to the subscriber.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) In an Internet Portal system, a method for providing summaries of information personal and proprietary to each one or more of a plurality of subscribing users, stored at secure WEB sites specifically authorized and specified by the subscribing users, URLs for which are maintained for individual ones of the subscribing users, the method comprising steps of:

    (a) configuring a summary software agent executable on the Portal to access the URLs, wherein the URLs are Web site addresses at secure servers maintaining personal and proprietary financial accounts for the subscriber;

    (b) retrieving information from individual ones of the WEB sites accessed according to pre-programmed criteria specific to each subscriber; and

    (c) providing the information to the subscribers; wherein automatic secure logins for retrieving the information from the secure Web sites are performed on behalf of, and transparent to the subscribers according to data stored for each subscriber at the Portal.

8. (original) The method of claim 7 further comprising a step for the subscriber to configure and intitiate, via a configuration and initiation interface, a summary search.

9. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the summary searches are configured for individual clients as templates stored and retrieved at the Internet-connected server.

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10. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein information retrieved in a summary search is stored to be retrieved by the subscriber.

11. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein information retrieved in a summary search is downloaded immediately to the subscriber.

12. (cancelled)